Violation of Insecticides Act

825. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under rule 19(iv) of the Insecticides Rules 1971, manufacturers of Insecticides are required to give kinds and names of active and other ingredients and percentage of each chemical used on each and every container of Insecticides;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Insecticides manufacturers are not giving such information on the containers of insecticides and thus grossly violating the provisions of the Insecticides Act 1968 and rules framed thereunder;

(c) whether no action has been taken against the manufacturers by the Registration Committee of C.I.B. during the last three years for gross violation of Insecticides Act referred to above; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The manufacturers of insecticides are giving the relevant information about the active ingredients and their percentages and showing the balance as adjuvants. The break-up of the adjuvants is not being given on the labels.

(c) The Registration Committee has considered the requirements of packaging and labelling with reference to Rule 19 (iv) of the Insecticides Rule, 1971, vis-a-vis the practice being followed in this regard. After considering the problems involved, it has decided to accept the labels and leaflets, as per the existing practice, wherein the names and percentages of the insecticidally active ingredients are to be given on the labels and the balance is to be shown collectively in the form of adjuvants.

The break-up of the adjuvants on labels is not important from the point of view of the farmers/users since the adjuvants constitute insecticidally inactive material. Moreover, complete information about the adjuvants are furnished by each prospective manufacturer alongwith application for registration of the product.

(d) In view of the above, the Government has initiated action for amendment of Insecticides Rules.

Introduction of Productivity Linked Wages in SAIL

826. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the majority of the officers of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) have recently opposed the introduction of productivity-linked wages in that organisation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the SAIL had conducted an opinion poll some time back to know the mind of the officers;

(c) if so, what is the number of officers who opposed productivity-linked wages; and

(d) whether any reasons have been given by the officers who opposed productivity-linked wages?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The need for linking the pay revision with production and productivity was discussed between the Management of SAIL and the representatives of Steel Executives' Federation of India (SEFI) representing the executives of SAIL on 28th and 29th October, 1986. SEFI felt that they would like to further discuss this matter in their respective Plants and Units and then come up for further discussions with the Management of SAIL.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The matter is still to be discussed further with SEFI.